

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ESL 13

Credits: 6

Course Title: English as a Second Language: Composition III

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Provides further instruction and practice in the writing process with emphasis on development of thought in essays of greater length and complexity. Lecture 6 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To provide the writing and grammar skills needed to advance to the high advanced level of writing instruction or possible entrance into English 111.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Recommendation of department following satisfactory completion of high intermediate ESL composition or appropriate placement test.

Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Write a basic 5-paragraph essay with clear introduction, support paragraphs and conclusion.
- b. Use subordination and a variety of sentence structures.
- c. Use the full range of English tenses and modals and make distinctions between active and passive voice.
- d. Use verbs, gerunds and infinitives.
- e. Use proper word classes and participial adjectives.
- f. Use commas correctly in most situations and some semi-colons.

Major Topics to be Included

- A. Language: Review and extend knowledge of English sentence structure, grammar, and vocabulary
- B. Rhetoric: Responding to the rhetorical situation—ideas and information; the needs of writer and reader; matching knowledge and approach to readers' knowledge, interests, and needs.
- C. Composing: Drafting, rethinking, gathering data, peer review, and revision.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 2/13/09